

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJ: RESPECTED EDITOR LEAVES SOUTH AFRICA.

RSA'S LARGE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER CHAIN, SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS ( SAAN), HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GEORGE PALMER, RESPECTED EDITOR OF JOHANNESBURG'S PRESTIGIOUS WEEKLY " FINANCIAL MAIL", WILL RESIGN HIS POSITION AND MOVE TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR.

PALMER, A BRITISH CITIZEN WHO CAME TO RSA IN THE 1940'S, LECTURED ECONOMICS AT UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN BEFORE ENTERING JOURNALISM. HE JOINED THE " FINANCIAL MAIL" AT ITS INCEPTION AND BECAME EDITOR IN 1962. THE "MAIL" IS ONE OF SAAN'S MOST CONSISTENTLY PROFITABLE PUBLICATIONS. PALMER HAS REPUTATION AS BEST EDITOR IN RSA, AND IS ONE OF STERNEST CRITICS OF SAG APARTHEID POLICIES.

SAAN ANNOUNCEMENT SAID PALMER TO TAKE UP SENIOR POSITION WITH "BUSINESS WEEK" MAGAZINE, QUOTED PALMER SAYING THIS OPPORTUNITY " TO GOOD TO MISS".

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PALMER WELL KNOWN TO AMEMBASSY AND AMCONGEN STAFFS OVER THE YEARS AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO U.S. DIPLOMATS.  
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